



## Richard D. Hitz

October 24, 1940 - June 30, 2017

PIERCE -- Services for Richard D. Hitz, 76, of Overland Park, KS formerly of Pierce will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce. Officiating Reverend Gordon Bruce and Vicar Jonathan Torreson, burial will be at Prospect View Cemetery, Pierce. Richard died Friday, June 30, 2017 at the Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. Richard Dale Hitz, 76, formerly of Pierce, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2017, in Overland Park, Kan., with his family at his side. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard "Dickie" Hitz was born a beautiful blond blue-eyed baby to Dale and Betty (Pischel) Hitz on Oct. 24, 1940, in Norfolk. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce by the Rev. Scheips.

As with all first-time parents, Dickie's parents had many hopes and dreams for him and his future. Sadly, at about the age of 2 years, an illness and a high fever changed the path of his life's journey forever. At the age of 15, he moved to reside at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis. It would continue to be his home for over 50 years until in 2014. He moved to a group home with Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Lenexa, Kan., to be near family members. Dickie loved horses, cars, big trucks, yellow school buses, baseball cards, music (especially country and western), attending chapel at Bethesda, Cheetos and orange pop.

Although he was non-verbal, he found many ways to tease and laugh with his family and caregivers. Every day of his life, he was a teacher, giving those

around him the opportunity to learn — to rebuild dreams, advocate, improve communication, find humor in adversity and accept differences with grace and understanding.

Dickie was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bradley Hitz. He leaves behind his devoted niece and guardian, Andre “Andi” (Hitz) Bonge with spouse Bret, and their daughters, Quinn, Ellison and Meredith, all of Shawnee, Kan.; his loving niece, Nicole “Nicki” (Hitz) Ayer with spouse Douglas, and their daughters, Kennedy and Corbyn, all of Gretna; his loving sister-in-law, Karen Koehler Hitz of Gretna; and a special cousin, Suzanne Riedel and spouse Val of Hadar. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

“Home” by Chris Tomlin will be played at the funeral.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce  
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Pierce, NE 68767  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Hitz*

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